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Applicant : Tetsuya Mashiko et al. ) Group Art Unit 3617  
Appl. No. : 09/676,895 )  
Filed : October 2, 2000 )  
For : MULTIPLE VALVE ENGINE )  
FOR WATERCRAFT )  
Examiner : E. Swinehart )

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 2, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and comments in connection with the above-captioned application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 25 of page 7 with the following rewritten paragraph:

As seen in FIGURES 3 and 5, a pair of air inlet ports 122, each has a duct shape, is defined at a bottom portion of the lower chamber member 120b positioned right above the cylinder head member 116. The inlet ports 122 project into the plenum chamber 118. An air cleaner element 124 is disposed within the plenum chamber so as to surround the air inlet ports 122. The air cleaner element 124 divides the plenum chamber 118 into two spaces which are an inner space and an outer space of the element 124. The air inlet ports 122 are positioned in the inner space. The air in the internal cavity 40 of the hull 34 is thus introduced into the plenum chamber 118 and is sure to pass through the cleaner element 124 before moving downstream of the plenum chamber 118.

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